

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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On December 22, 1978, the Department of State Highways and Transportation became the Department of Transportation. An amendment to the Constitution of 1963 created the State Transportation Commission.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

	Term expires
LINDA MILLER ATKINSON, Channing (Vice Chair)	. Dec. 21, 2009
Maureen Miller Brosnan, Livonia	. Dec. 21, 2007
James R. Rosendall, Grand Rapids	. Dec. 21, 2007
James S. Scalici, Bingham Farms	. Dec. 21, 2008
TED B. WAHBY, St. Clair Shores (Chair)	. Dec. 21, 2008
VACANCY	

The **State Transportation Commission** establishes policy for the department, its programs and facilities, and other such public works of the state, as provided by law.

The six members of the commission are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for 3-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

The primary functions of the Department of Transportation are the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the state highway system — the 9,722 miles of interstate, U.S.- and M-numbered highways, and the administration of other state transportation programs. Responsibilities include the development and implementation of comprehensive transportation plans for the entire state including aeronautics and bus and rail transit, providing professional and technical assistance, and the administration of state and federal funds allocated for these programs. The director of the department is appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate.

The department is composed of six bureaus and eight offices, the International Bridge Authority and the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The eight offices are the Office of Human Resources, Office of Governmental Affairs, Office of Economic Development, Office of Communications, Office of Business Development, Office of Commission Audits, Office of Research and National Best Practices, and Office of Operations Administrative Services. The six bureaus include the bureaus of Aeronautics and Freight Services, Finance and Administration, Transportation Planning, Passenger Transportation, Highway Delivery, and Highway Development.

The *Bureau of Aeronautics and Freight Services* administers Michigan's public transportation and regulatory programs to provide a safe and balanced statewide network of public transportation services to meet the social, safety, and economic well-being of the state. The bureau is responsible for the state airport development program which provides project management for programming,

planning, design, safety evaluation, and construction of airports throughout Michigan. The bureau also partners with public grade crossing and rail worker safety, to ensure rail freight accessibility, and teaming for customer satisfaction, continuous improvement, measurable results, personal satisfaction, and professional growth.

The *Bureau of Passenger Transportation* provides technical and financial assistance to local transit agencies, intercity bus services, rail passenger services, and freight transportation services. The bureau regulates the safety of intercity buses and limousines. The bureau also investigates urban and public transportation conditions, recommends appropriate improvements, and establishes public transportation procedures and administrative practices for statewide uniformity, as required.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

General Public	Term expires
SIDNEY ADAMS, Jr., Battle Creek	. May 27, 2008
James M. Collins, Marquette (Chair)	. May 27, 2008
TERRY J. EVERMAN, Flushing	. May 27, 2007
J. William Prochazka, Galesburg	. May 27, 2007
JOYCE WOODS, Linden (Vice Chair)	. May 27, 2009

Department Directors

KIRK T. STEUDLE, Director, Department of Transportation COL. PETER C. MUNOZ, Director, Department of State Police Adjutant General Thomas G. Cutler, Director, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES, Director, Department of Natural Resources

The **Aeronautics Commission** was created by Act 327 of 1945. The commission is charged with the general supervision of all aeronautics within the state and is empowered to make and issue rules and regulations governing the location, design, building, equipping, and operating of all airports and other aeronautical facilities; governing the curriculum, equipment, personnel, operation, and management of all schools of aviation; and making such other rules as it may consider necessary to properly carry out the provisions of the Michigan Aeronautics Code.

Of the nine commission members, five are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve four-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The other four members serve by virtue of their positions in state government.

The *Bureau of Finance and Administration* provides the internal support necessary for the operation of the department. It is responsible for conducting public hearings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 and managing the department's capital outlay and highway travel information programs. It is also responsible for accounting services, fiscal reporting, fiscal planning, budgeting, cash management, contract administration, bond financing, property leasing, purchasing, stores control, and all related financial functions.

The *Bureaus of Highway Delivery* and *Highway Development* are responsible for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of a statewide system of trunkline highways and roadside rest areas and for providing administrative and technical assistance in the design, construction, and maintenance of city and village streets and county roads.

The *Bureau of Transportation Planning* performs transportation planning for all modes and combinations of modes of transportation. It assists the State Transportation Commission in producing the Michigan Transportation Policy Plan, a comprehensive statement of commission policy. Along with other transportation providers and with input from the general public, the bureau develops the State Long-Range Transportation Plan required by federal law. In cooperation with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Rural Task Forces (RTF), Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), small cities, and MDOT bureaus, it produces the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which contains all federal aid transportation projects within Michigan, identifies funding, and schedules these projects for construction.

Regional Offices

Field operations of the department are conducted from seven regional offices and 26 transportation service centers. The regional offices are located in Escanaba, Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, and Southfield, the latter serving metropolitan Detroit.

MDOT Rest Areas

The department operates 70 freeway rest areas and 82 roadside parks located across Michigan on its state road system comprised of Interstates, M- and U.S.-routes.

The Department of Transportation is responsible for the administration of the *Joint International Bridge Authority* and the *Mackinac Bridge Authority*.

JOINT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Michigan Members

JANIS M. BURGESS TERRY E. CARRICK (Vice Chair) VACANCY

Canadian Representatives

LORIE BOTTOS GERALD H. JOHNSTON JAMES MCINTYRE (Chair)

The **Joint International Bridge Authority of Michigan** was created by Act 237 of 1935. The purpose of the authority, initially, was to investigate, construct, maintain, and operate a bridge connecting the United States with Canada at Sault Ste. Marie. The two mile-long toll bridge was completed in 1962 at a cost of \$20 million. On September 1, 2000, the original construction bonds were paid off, and having achieved its purpose, the International Bridge Authority ceased to exist. On September 1, 2000, the Joint International Bridge Authority (JIBA) was created as part of a 40-year Intergovernmental Agreement for the International Bridge, signed by MDOT and the St. Mary's River Bridge Company, the Canadian owner. The JIBA provides operational and policy oversight for the management of the bridge. The Michigan members are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The Canadian members are appointed by the St. Mary's River Bridge Company from a list of potential nominees provided by the Minister of Transport.

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

ROBERT J. SWEENEY, Executive Secretary

	Term expires
Barbara J. Brown, St. Ignace	. June 30, 2010
Patrick F. Gleason, Davison	. June 30, 2010
WILLIAM H. GNODTKE, Charlevoix	. June 30, 2012
R. Dan Musser III, Mackinac Island	. June 30, 2012
ROBERT C. STRUCK, Marquette	. June 30, 2008
Murray D. Wikol, Bloomfield Hills	. June 30, 2008

The **Mackinac Bridge Authority** was created by Act 21 of the Extra Session of 1950. The purpose of the authority, at that time, was to determine the physical and financial feasibility of a bridge connecting the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The authority was further empowered by Act 214 of 1952 to finance, build, maintain, and operate a bridge. Construction was started in May 1954 and the bridge was opened on November 1, 1957, at a cost of \$100 million, and dedicated on June 28, 1958.

The six members of the authority are appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve six-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.